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Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 7, 20 and 38 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 11, 15, 21, 23, 30, 31 and 42 have been cancelled. No Claims have been added. Therefore, Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-20, 22, 24-29 and 32-41 and 43 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 12 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The claims have been corrected in the amendments above.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 13, 14, 16-19, 28, 29, 32, 39, 40 and 43 are allowable. These claims remain in the case. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 11 and 42 among others were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 11 has been incorporated into Claim 7 and Claim 42 has been incorporated into Claim 20. Accordingly, Claims 7 and 20 are believed to be allowable as well as the remaining claims which depend thereon. These amendments are made to expedite the allowance of claims for this application and do not necessarily indicate agreement with the Examiner's position.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

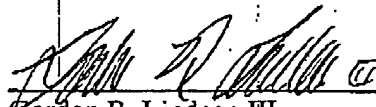
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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